

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION Established 1939

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Late Summer Greetings!

IT IS STILL SUMMER! We refuse to let it go. Surely it flew by even faster than it did last year? Oh, well—hopefully you all smelled the roses (and continue to, as some bloom in early autumn, as well) and painted and relaxed and took photos and had a great time. Hopefully, the great time will continue at our next meeting, **Monday, September 18**, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library, when Diana Patton will demonstrate (yes, your editor) in watercolor—“New Ways for Traditional Watercolor Painting”. Basically what that means is that the paintings will be (surprisingly) traditional but with a few things you might not have yet tried. Also, any questions on watercolor are encouraged and the demonstrator will answer them to the best of her ability. Come, have fun with me! Please call President Linda Arnold if you can volunteer for Hospitality that night—908/647-3610.

DUES ARE DUE! Please send your checks made out to RVAA to our Membership Chairman **Doug Axmann, 16 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, NJ 08876**. Dues are \$30. Individual, \$35. Family, and \$15. Student (through high school). Dues will get you all these demonstrations, two or three exhibits a year (including our Holiday Extravaganza at the Somerset County Library, which runs a month), the annual Big Apple Trip, the newsletters, and last, but not least, lots of camaraderie.

We were very sad to hear about the death of longtime RVAA member Marge (Margaret) Braun this summer. Marge was an esteemed member of the art world in New Jersey, a really good watercolorist who wasn't afraid to experiment with textures and colors. She was an excellent watercolor teacher, and really important, a good friend to many of us. Marge will really be missed and our sympathy goes out to her family.

SHOWS TO SEE AND/OR ENTER include our own RVAA Show at the Jewish Community Center on Talamini Road in Bridgewater. Thelma Canty has graciously agreed to chair this important show. Joan McKinney will judge it. More details on that at our meeting September 18th and in your October Newsletter. The Tewksbury Historical Society will be holding their annual juried show in October and the Mountain Art Show in

Bernardsville is upcoming. Although it's too late to enter the juried section of that show, you can still fill out the entry form to show portfolio and small framed works there; just call 908/766-2282 to get a prospectus. Your forms are due September 30th; receiving is Sunday, October 15th.

The Essex Watercolor Club has a Members' Exhibit at Overlook Hospital in Summit September 17—November 11. They have excellent watercolor demonstrations up in Livingston each month and you can find out the particulars by phoning Publicity Head John Wolff at 973/994-1597 or email him at lairgraphics@verizon.net.

The juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show is presently at the Montgomery Arts the 1860 House on Montgomery Road until October 22. There are special free watercolor demos on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 1-2 and Saturday, Oct. 14, from 1-2. The Reception, with a "Gallery Walk" at 2, is on Sunday, Oct. 15, from 1-4.

Meanwhile, at the Monmouth Museum and Cultural Center the New Jersey Water Color Society 64th Annual Juried Exhibition is on now through October 29. The Opening Reception is Sunday, Sept. 24, 2-4. Sundays 2-4 are watercolor demos: Oct. 1, Roberta Carter Clark AWS, Oct. 8, Nessa Grainger, AWS, Oct. 15, Jane Lux, Oct. 22, Marge Chavooshian, AWS, and Oct. 29, Anthony Ventura.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

PRESIDENT LINDA ARNOLD and DICK ARNOLD have been very busy this summer, preparing for the wedding of their daughter on September 15th. Congratulations and our best wishes for all!

And **LINDA** has also been commissioned to create a commemorative cancellation stamp through the post office for the 225th Anniversary of the Washington-Rochambeau Yorktown March. A re-enactment and encampment will take place in Liberty Corner on the 15-17th of September with many guest, politicians, and even guests from France. This all takes place across the street from her house! (will Linda be exhausted for the meeting on the 18th?).

SUZANNE BUCCERI was a longtime member of RVAA, as many of you know. President Linda Arnold heard from her that she is now living in Massachusetts, trying to start an art group up there. She also has a house on Long Beach Island. She wanted to let her fellow RVAAers know that "she is alive and well" and she welcomes both snail mail, 9

Andrea Drive, Hopkinton, Mass 01748 and email SHEUCCE@comcast.net. She's hoping her husband will retire back here and would like to keep in touch with you all.

JOAN MCKINNEY, DIANA PATTON, and DEBBIE TINTLE exhibited in the NJWCS Full Members' Show at the Paper Mill Playhouse this summer. **JOAN MCKINNEY** will be teaching watercolor for Somerset Art Association this fall. Speaking of teachers, RVAA also has President Linda Arnold who teaches watercolor, Ruth Wilson who teaches watercolor in Pluckemin, Diana Patton in Bridgewater for the Jointure for Community Adult Education and her home, and Sonja Weir for the Jointure and in her home in South Brook, and Ellie Morehouse for oils.

At the Somerset Cultural and Heritage Commission's Gallery several RVAA members exhibited in the Senior Celebration Juried Exhibition. **ELEANOR DEMOTT, DIANA PATTON** (Honorable Mention), **HAROLD RUCHLIN** (Honorable Mention), and **ROSEMARY ZANGARA** (Honorable Mention) were all in the show.

That's all for now but your editor knows that **YOU HAVE NEWS**, so please write me a note or email diana@dianapatton.com (phone calls somehow get lost), so our October Newsletter will be overweight.